

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	28 th Oct 2008
Location	Tuamgraney, Co. Clare
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Patrick Gleeson
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1904 Home County: Clare
Education	Primary: O'Callaghan Mills N.S., Co. Clare
Family	Siblings: 2 brothers and 2 sisters
Club(s)	O'Callaghan Mills
Occupation	Everything and anything that would make a few pounds e.g. drainage and cutting timber.
Parents' Occupation	Shop and Corn Mill
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	None

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Date of Report	17 th Nov 2008
Period Covered	1880s – 2008
Counties/Countries Covered	Clare
Key Themes Covered	Irish History, Politics
Interview Summary	<p>Paddy is an 104 year old. He was never hugely involved in the GAA because he was fonder of hunting and claims that the gun was his hurl. He believes there was no real excitement about the GAA in his youth. His voice is quite weak and the recording is difficult to understand. The main point he discussed was the naming of Hurlers Cross. He talks a bit about the GAA during the War of Independence, but most of his focus is on the political side.</p> <p>0.00: Starts the story of how Hurler's Cross got its name. Decided that local lads would lead him (Charles Stewart Parnell) in ... they paraded in front of Charles Stewart Parnell and leading him to where he was a having his meeting. That's how the area came to be known as Hurlers Cross. Charles Stewart Parnell came out ... and they were there waiting for him. They were all local lads and they all done their part.</p> <p>0.55: Bailiffs were all kind of boycotted at the time.</p> <p>1.03: He was going to school one morning and saw a crowd coming out of the Kettle? and two fellas passed him holding a placard reading 'The Land for the people and the road for the brute??' (The first part of this is definitely correct, but it's very difficult to make out what Paddy says about the second part). A poor old lady, Katie Clattery had just been evicted.</p> <p>1.55: The volunteers helped put down the landlords.</p> <p>2.05: The landlords had no mercy on tenants.</p> <p>2.13: Volunteers were started in Dublin and then went all over the country - 'I remember it all well'.</p> <p>2.26: They attacked the policemen. The English were in charge then. They attacked the parish but they weren't able to take the volunteers. The police had steel shutters on their windows. It was a 'quare kind of time'.</p> <p>3.11: Paddy talks about the game of hurling Willie Redmond played in the area. He talks about him coming to the local village for an eviction. Paddy's grandfather invited him to the</p>

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	<p>village. The police startled the meeting and Paddy's grandfather took him to his house and he escaped.</p> <p>3.55: Paddy says they could have played a match any day. All they needed was ten minutes. 'There was no great excitement, took everything as it came'.</p> <p>4.20: Had to stop having hurling matches during the troubles. 'Because the police would have been there you see and the British soldiers you know. There wasn't a hope of going through.' 'Nothing went through anyway when the British Government were in charge'.</p> <p>5.05: It's a different age now, everything is social and quiet, everybody is happy and content.</p> <p>5.30: Would go to a match if it was there and it was convenient.</p> <p>6.17: 'There was nothing very exciting about it.'</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p>
<p>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Format</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual</p>
<p>Duration</p>	<p>Length of Interview: 6min 27 sec</p>
<p>Language</p>	<p>English</p>

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Date: _____17/11/08_____